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1. Defense works are under construction on the island of Pag and on the mainland opposite it on Karlopag. Many bunkers have already been completed and are awaiting the emplacement of cannons and machine guns. Engineering troops and officers have recently arrived at Pag.
2. A special permit from the Ministry of Defense is necessary in order to visit the island of Vis. The island's shores are closely guarded and the inhabitants are not allowed to leave the immediate area of their homes except for military service or specific civilian work. Fishermen from Vis are allowed to go only a few hundred meters from shore; their boats must carry no gasoline or sails and must have no more than one pair of cars.
3. From October to December 1951, several hundred small boatloads of cement were unloaded in the ports of Vis and Komiza. Mine fields have been laid off sections of the Vis shore where invading troops might debark. Signal watch posts have been set up along the entire island shore and are in constant communication with one another.
4. The aerodrome at Polje on Vis has been enlarged to provide space for an aircraft repair shop and new cement runways are under construction. The aerodrome area has been provided with defensive bunkers.
5. Admiral Srecko Manola and other high-ranking naval officers visit Vis regularly. A small number of engineering troops recently arrived on the island.
6. The island of Korcula is receiving large shipments of cement from Split. Two unidentified brigades of engineering troops, supplemented by civilian engineers, are working on the construction of new barracks and defense works on the island. The port of Korcula has been dredged to accommodate ships displacing up to 1000 metric tons.
7. On the island of Lastovo, which is also receiving large shipments of cement, deep caves with two entrances are being dug.

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